

COLLEGE MEN STARTED A MODEL COMMUNITY.

Contributed Talents For Mutual Good
In Unique Colony.

Through a practical experiment thirty University of Missouri professors learned how to maintain a neighborhood of beautiful homes, well kept lawns, clean sidewalks and streets and oiled and shady avenues. These men formed a co-operative organization and selected land on a hill overlooking the town of Columbia and the university campus, a good, healthy walking distance from their work.

Each professor gave free of charge professional knowledge of special technical training for the common good of the neighborhood. When one of the home owners desired to plant a tree or to know what to do to keep his grass from dying out or to keep the bugs from eating his vines and flowers he brought the matter up at a neighborhood meeting and was advised by the professors in horticulture. An architect's advice went into the common fund with the rest.

In little more than three years these teachers built up a model neighborhood, equal in quality if not in size to the fine residence districts of many large cities. The neighborhood, with its small oiled boulevards, resembles a park district.

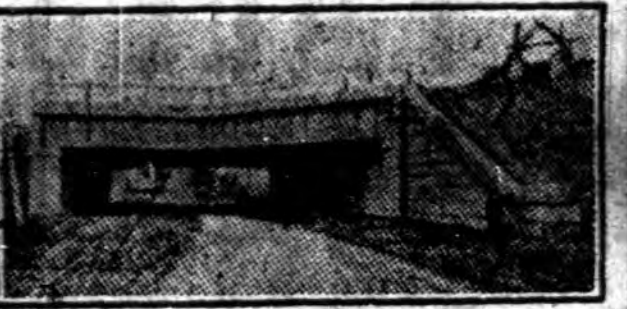
In winter men hired for the purpose are out early to save the residents the trouble of crunching through the snow. All work is managed by the Western Improvement association, which controls everything of common interest—streets, lights, sewers, sidewalks, telephone poles, wiring, legal restriction matters and building restrictions. The value of all homes in the district is regulated. Unless special permission is obtained none can be built for less than \$2,000.

When the first university professors decided on this form of neighborhood management it was the intention to have the place settled within ten years. The present indication is that there will not be room for another home within five years.

ELIMINATES GRADE CROSSINGS

Pennsylvania Road Builds Concrete Bridges in Bristol, Pa.

The Pennsylvania railroad has been improving its road at a cost of approximately \$1,012,000. Seven new bridges have been erected over streets



CONCRETE BRIDGE TO ELIMINATE GRADE CROSSING.

in Bristol, Pa., thus eliminating grade crossings. Four of the bridges are of solid re-enforced concrete floor construction, supported by steel, and three are of re-enforced concrete slabs. The accompanying illustration shows the general style of architecture.

HEALTH CAMPAIGN.

Commissioner Schenk of Norfolk, Va., After Expectations.

Health Commissioner Powhatan Schenk will erect 100 signs on the principal streets of Norfolk, Va., as a reminder to the citizens not to expectorate promiscuously. Two or three times since he became health commissioner in September, 1910, Dr. Schenk has tried the effect of making examples of the wanton spitter and has had fines imposed in the police court. He sent sanitary inspectors out for the particular purpose of bringing in some of the many who flagrantly and constantly violate the ordinance. But he recognized the impracticability of keeping his inspectors permanently on the watch for such offenders, and, realizing the necessity to be more emphatic than simply to appeal through the newspapers and health bulletins, he prevailed upon the public authorities for an order directing the arrest of sidewalk spitters. Yet the ordinance is practically a dead letter, and the spitting element continues, embracing the immunity it has of old enjoyed through the tolerance of the police and also through the inevitable difficulty of enforcing the ordinance.

RAISING MONEY FOR LIGHTS.

Haverhill, Mass., Making Strenuous Efforts to Obtain Needed Amount.

The Haverhill (Mass.) Advertising association at a two hour meeting set a new pace in collecting money, \$4 being given for every minute that the meeting lasted. As a result nearly \$500 was obtained, bringing the total subscriptions up to \$3,180. Raising money was not the only matter of importance, as the members also listened to an excellent talk by Norman Macbeth of Pittsburgh, who explained the modern system of decorative street lighting, and after his address there was a lively discussion as to the ways and means of raising the \$12,000 needed to install the new street lights. It was finally decided to block off the business section of the city and place a collector in each section, and, what is more important, the members voted to start a public subscription in every shoe factory and business establishment in Haverhill.

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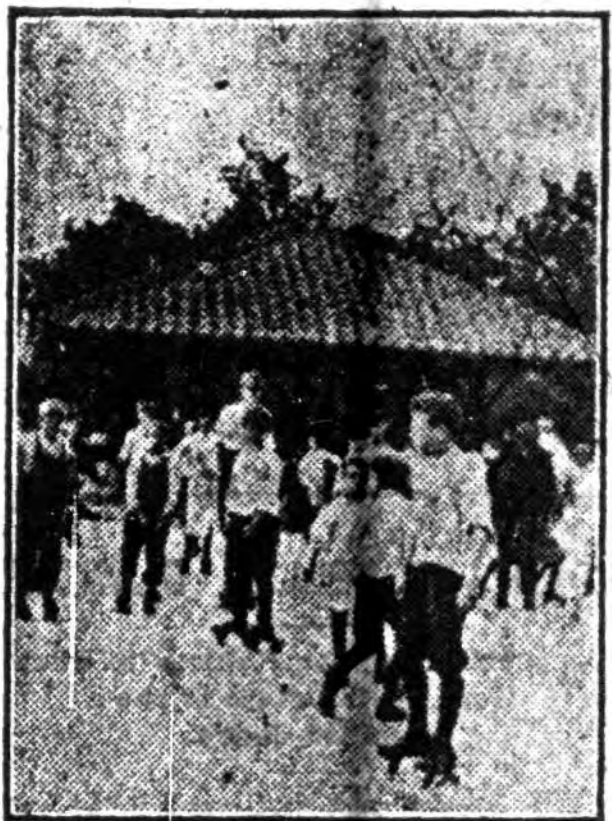
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THE SUCCESS OF READING'S MUNICIPAL SKATING RINKS.

They Are the Only Ones in the Country
and Are Very Popular.

The two open air municipal skating rinks at Reading, Pa., are the first of their kind in this country. They are approximately 250 feet by 130 feet each. During warm weather the rinks are open to the public for roller skating, while during freezing weather they are open for ice skating. They are built over the Penn street distributing reservoirs, which are located at the entrance to the city park and to all general appearances form part of the park. The reservoirs were built about forty years ago and remained uncovered until 1908.

In 1909, in connection with the filtration of the city's water supply, it was



necessary to cover these reservoirs in order to protect the filtered water. Before the adoption of the skating rink plan many other ideas were advanced as to how the covered space could best be utilized for the good of the public. Some of these ideas were to build tennis courts, general playgrounds, flower beds and grass plots.

Each skating rink consists of a six inch concrete slab laid on a cinder fill. A six inch curb around each rink forms a dam for the water and ice during the ice skating season. In the middle of each rink a pavilion is built in which there are benches where skaters may rest. Recently the Playgrounds association placed a piano in one of the pavilions, where free dancing instruction is given. Teachers are provided for instructing children in basket making, hammock weaving and calisthenics. Playground ball playing is also indulged in on one rink.

There are electric lights on the pavilions and around the rinks, allowing skating in the evenings. Sanitary drinking fountains are located at the entrances to the rinks and supply filtered water to the public. During the warm weather the drinking water is ice cooled.

Under the skating rinks a ground arch construction covers the filtered water reservoirs. The arches are braced to withstand the unbalanced forces brought on them by the movements of the skaters. To avoid crippling the water supply the reservoirs were covered one at a time. The north basin was put out of service first, covered and again put into service before the south reservoir was disturbed. The ground adjoining the reservoirs is laid out with walks and flower beds of unique designs. Along these walks benches are provided.

NEED WELL LIGHTED STREETS

People of Warren Delighted by Change From Arc to Incandescent Lamps.

Definite action on the part of the citizens of Warren, O., for improved street illumination was taken about two years ago when it was decided to better the existing street lighting conditions. Open arc lamps were then in use throughout the city, and as the contract for street lighting expired at that time it was thought advisable to have the new contract drawn up for inclosed arc lighting. Plans and specifications for such were made, but no further action was taken on these owing to a suggestion being brought forward to install a system employing incandescent lamps instead. A trial installation of these lamps was made on one of the residential streets, and this received such unanimous approval as a satisfactory solution of the problem under consideration that the board of public service decided in favor of an incandescent lighting system.

The installation as it has now been put in operation employs incandescent lamps exclusively. The installation in the business part of the city in which five, three and one light ornamental standards are used is naturally the more spectacular part of the whole system. The artistic standards supporting twelve and fourteen inch globes used to surround the lamps add materially to the appearance of the streets even in the daytime, and this attractiveness is enhanced by the absence of overhead wiring, since this is all concealed in a conduit beneath the surface of the pavement.

The night illumination is particularly attractive and stands out in strong contrast with the gloomy, ill lighted streets with which the citizens of Warren had so long been familiar. That the people look with pride on their recent achievements in street lighting is evident from the enthusiasm they displayed on the night when the whole lighting system was formally put in commission.

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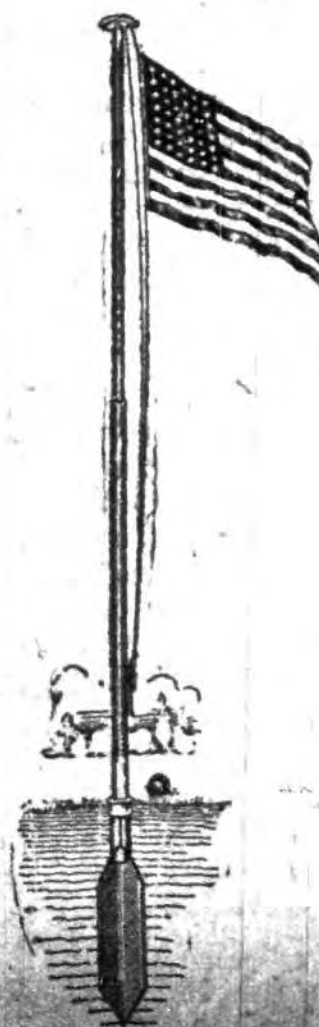
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